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# EDITORIAL

by Dr. J. Allen Hynek

As a science develops, it almost invariably splits into many compartments or divisions. What was once physics, for instance, (or natural philosophy, originally) has many divisions. There are "many mansions" in the house of physics—for example, high energy, low temperature, solid state physics, electrodynamics, and other subdivisions of the once single edifice called physics. Such specialization was essential to progress—as it has been in medicine and many other disciplines.

It now appears essential also in UFOlogy. Although skeptics may jeer at such a statement, students of the UFO phenomenon will recognize its truth. UFOlogy is becoming too broad for any one person to master in its entirety—it has just too many branches. In recognition of this, several students of the subject have already chosen to specialize. For example, Ted Phillips has long been recognized as the collector and student of physical trace cases, Hal Heaton has specialized in the animal reactions associated with UFO sightings, while Ted Bloecher has chosen to work with humanoid cases. Dr. Haines collects and studies those UFOs which are associated with aircraft, either sightings by pilots or those in which aircraft figure prominently. Clearly, there are many more subdivisions ripe for separate and detailed study—Daylight Discs, Radar-Visuals, etc. Even IFOs can be considered suitable for study as part of the total UFO phenomenon.

There is an ever present danger in specialization. One can become so great an expert in one phase of a subject that one loses sight of how his specialty fits into the total picture, and significant progress can be halted. Fortunately, there will always be some in every field of study that have a gift for bringing out the important connections, leading to an overall understanding.

J. Allen Hynek

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sirs:

On the newsfront page of IUR, Dec., 1977, I find that you intend to publish a worldwide compilation of UFO research groups (now completed—Ed.) We would be very pleased if your compilation could also include our group, STUDIEGROEP PROGRESSIEVE WTENSCHAPPEN (SPW).

Founded in 1972, SPW at first was the Flemish branch of the GESAG group from Bruges. From January, 1977 onwards it became an independent research group. We aim for a serious investigation of UFO reports around the world but especially over Belgium and neighboring countries and are compiling a Belgian sighting catalog.

Our journal is UFO INFO which is published threemonthly in Flemish with a French and English summary at the end of each issue.

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Gentlemen:

Presently, I am doing extensive investigation and research into the area of the MEN IN BLACK (MIB) phenomenon. Any information you can supply me regarding said area of research will be more than greatly appreciated, and will be kept confidential if you so desire.

At one time, not very long ago, I was quite skeptical concerning information that I had come across relating to the "MIB" phenomenon. Now, however, due to certain experiences of which I have been a part, there is much I find to be said for the validity of such a theory. Enough, in fact, to warrant this extensive investigation and research.

I deem the "MIB" phenomenon a truly important aspect of UFO investigation and personally feel that my investigation may shed some light on one of the more complex riddles which plague the UFO controversy.

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## IN CURRENT JOURNALS

BEYOND THE CE3 DOWN UNDER by Bill Chalker, UFO ENCOUNTER, No. 71, October-November, 1977.

"Alternatively could it be that the Americas in particular have bred the social situation in which such purported alien interactions could ascend to the prominence they now hold. They stand now almost as new archetypal interactions with the assumed superior intelligences behind UFO events—the technological 'godhead' beings seen as all-powerful. By some this is viewed as an effort by the socially maladjusted masses to fill the breach in the waning belief of the supreme diety.

What is the situation in Australia? Upon first inspection, we appear to have a complete absence of 'time loss', 'abduction' and contact cases. Keith Basterfield, myself and others have demonstrated that Australia does have a considerable body of entity accounts, and yet none of them demonstratively show 'contact' aspects about them."

MORE ON THE COYNE HELICOPTER CASE by Jennie Zeidman, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol. 23, No. 4, 1977.

"My purpose in these two articles has been to demonstrate that the mere casual interviewing of UFO percipients may not only be inconclusive, but blatantly misleading, especially if the investigator has preconceived notions and goes only so far, or in whatever direction, to substantiate his own prejudices. Such are the methods of the hysteric, not the scientist, and such methods do not reflect the dispassionate procedures requisite to an open-minded, yet critical inquiry."

IS THERE SOMETHING TO UFOs AFTER ALL?, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, Feb. 20, 1978.

"Skeptics say that a dramatic event such as a UFO landing witnessed by thousands would be about the only thing that would lead to a large-scale UFO study. But UFO enthusiasts insist that interest has never been higher and that a major new

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# FOREIGN FORUM

*This is a representative sampling of UFO sightings from around the world. While we cannot exert the same degree of control over these cases compared to domestic ones, it is at least of value to see that the same characteristics are reported for this phenomenon abroad as in the U.S.*

**CANADA:** Lake Baskatong, Quebec, March 11, 1978. Two Isle Perrot men were camping near the shores of Lake Baskatong just after sundown. After having lighted a small fire and settled down in their sleeping bags, they were startled to see a comet-like, bright blue object leaving a fiery trail behind it plummeting towards the surface of the lake. It disappeared behind trees in the direction of the lake and the two men jumped up, grabbed their cameras and ran for the lake's shore. There they saw the oval-shaped object hovering silently over the lake surface where it remained stationary for about thirty seconds. Too startled and afraid to even think of taking pictures, they watched spellbound until the object began to move slowly over to the other side of the lake. At this point one of the campers began taking pictures and yelled to the other to do the same; however, the second man was too preoccupied in watching the object. A few pictures were obtained (one of which is reproduced below) but after five seconds the object rose

up very quickly, like a white streak of light, and disappeared in a flash into the night sky.

SOURCE: Associated Press.

**ITALY:** Cagliari, Sardinia, October 27, 1977. At the military airport of Elmas (Cagliari), three helicopters of the Italian Army's Light Aircraft Corps (Aviazione Leggera Esercito) were followed for over five minutes by an orange "circle". The object was seen and tracked by both military and civilian witnesses and from the Elmas control tower. The Commander of the Operative Office of the Air Force base located there, Colonel Giomaria, ordered a jet interceptor to take off and investigate but it was not able to intercept the unidentified intruder. Major Francesco Zoppi, the chief pilot of the ALE 21st Group "Ursa Major" Squadron, and his co-pilot Lt. Riccardelli vouched for the reality of the object since they observed the UFO at a distance of less than one thousand feet. The commander of the Air Base, Colonel Mario D'Angelo, admitted the presence of "unidentified aircraft" over Sardinia and sent a detailed report to the Italian Minister of Defense, who has now instigated an official investigation of the incident. This, then, is Italy's first official military UFO investigation.

SOURCE: Centro Ufologico Nazionale, Milano, Italy.

# U.S. SIGHTINGS

## NO WORTHY UFO CASES FROM 53 REPORTS: Feb. 15-Mar. 14

No reports were judged to be identifiable or inappropriate.
No reports are still under investigation.
Refer to the monthly "Profile" feature for complete evaluations.

**HOW WE LEARN OF UFO'S:** UFO reports are from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Central Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of law enforcement agencies, FAA agencies, planetaria and other formal channels. This gives us the chance to follow up *all* cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include screening of the hoaxers. Indeed, police who patrol when others are asleep are encouraged to fill this void.

**HOW WE DEFINE UFO'S:** Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearance and/or behavior can't be ascribed to conventional objects and effects—not only by the original witnesses, but also by analysts who possess technical qualifications the original observer may lack.

**NL**—Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous lights seen in the night sky
**DD**—Daylight Discs: distant disc-like objects seen during the day
**RV**—Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously

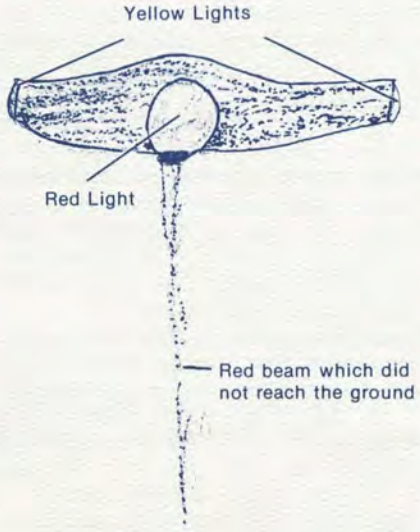
**CE I**—Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFOs seen within 500 feet
**CE II**—Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that leave behind physical traces
**CE III**—Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I with humanoid occupants seen

**HOW WE NUMBER CASES:** All UFO sightings will receive a three element number which will serve as a case "name". The first numbers refer to the volume and issue number of the edition that contains the case, and the last number refers to the order it arrived (example: 1-1-7, the seventh case of the first issue).

## A POSSIBLE CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE THIRD KIND IN NEW JERSEY

IUR has been apprised of the existence of a possible Close Encounter of the Third Kind involving humanoid entities seen in the small town of Montvale, New Jersey (see IUR Vol. 3, No. 3—UFOs of Limited Merit). The sighting took place on January 31, 1978 at about 6:15 PM and was reported by three young boys. Although a UFO sighting was made, the connection between the UFO itself and the entities can not be definitely asserted.

The Story thus far: John C_____ (10 years old) and his friends Eddy and Michael H_____ (8 and 10 respectively) were playing on the ice in the playing field of Montvale Memorial Elementary School. It was completely dark by this time and the field was illuminated by floodlights. Eddy noted a "plane-like" object moving in from the south and going west but none of the trio paid too much attention to it. UFO investigators Ted Bloecher, Budd Hopkins, and Pat Huyghe, who interrogated the boys, noted that they then watched a second object a few minutes later which came from the east directly over the field, apparently circled it and hovered briefly over them. All the boys described the appearance of the object in a similar manner: square with large yellow lights at each corner, a slight dome on top and a red light underneath. This red light emitted a beam towards the ground which stopped short before touching it. John estimated the altitude as between 500 to 1000 feet, but this is probably of little value since he provided severely contradictory estimates of angular size. Conservatively speaking, the object probably subtended an angular size less than that of the full moon (i.e., less than a half degree of arc).




Excited, the boys then moved across the field to the north end. Here they were in the vicinity of an open-fronted shed. Their attention was then drawn to first one, and then, a group of figures who were moving south on Memorial Drive, a north-south street which runs near the Public Works Garage in the area. The boys described these figures as moving "to and fro" and walking stiffly as if "stunned". The figures were dressed in bright yellow outfits with boots and gloves, and appeared tall (about 5'7") and bald. One of their number (which was either 6 to 7, or 10 to 11 depending on the witness) seemed different in that he had a larger head which seemed "creased down the middle" and was wearing a brown coat or cape over his yellow suit. The figures were seen in profile and appeared to be about 300 or more feet away from the boys. As they were watching the "men", the youngsters noted an uncanny silence and an unpleasant odor "like sulphur".

The figures walked off in the direction of the Public Works Garage but their disappearance was unwitnessed because the boys' attentions were caught by another strange figure. Moving out from the shed area, they noticed a woman this time in the parking area east of Memorial Drive. She had medium long brown hair and wore a dark suit with blue fur around her shoulders. Walking "as if in slow motion", she sat down on a low fence that separates the road and the parking area; then she raised her arm very slowly and pointed to the sky. The boys followed her motion and noted that she seemed to be pointing towards the general direction of another "UFO" similar to the square shaped object they had seen earlier in the evening. Getting up

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As was mentioned in the October, 1977 issue of IUR, we would like to be of even greater informational service to our readers. Accordingly, IUR called out to you, the reader, for the questions that YOU wanted to see answered. The response was encouraging; we wish to thank those people who took the time to write us. Several questions appeared the clear-cut winners in popularity: IUR has taken the five most-asked and researched answers for them.

# THE FIVE MOST-ASKED UFO QUESTIONS—1978

## IS THE GOVERNMENT COVERING UP UFO INFORMATION?

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Until recently, the evidence that branches of the U.S. government were covering up the details of UFO sightings under their purview was purely circumstantial or testimonial. UFO researchers have cited the contradiction of the statistical results of the Air Force's "Special Report 14" with the negative conclusion published, the release of contrived-sounding "solutions" for celebrated UFO cases, and the growing number of ex-servicemen who claim to have witnessed spectacular UFO events while in the military that were investigated by government branches *other* than the Air Force's Project Blue Book.

Now, thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, UFO researchers like Todd Zechel and Bruce Maccabee are unearthing documents of government involvement in UFO studies. Dr. Maccabee's research into the FBI was presented here last issue. The full disclosure of Todd Zechel's legwork in piecing together a portrait of the CIA's role in UFOs will be presented in his forthcoming book, "Under Intelligence Control". Zechel was gracious enough to present IUR with some photostat copies of CIA memoranda that tend to belie the public pronouncements made by that group on this issue.

### EXTENT OF CIA INVOLVEMENT

In a letter sent to William Spaulding by the CIA's Information and Privacy Coordinator on March 26, 1976, the CIA summed up the extent of their involvement in the UFO subject:

*"At no time prior to the formation of the Robertson Panel and subsequent to the issuance of the panel's report, has the CIA engaged in the study of UFO phenomenon. The Robertson Panel Report is summation of the Agency's interest and involvement in this matter."*

Contrast this public pronouncement with this memo addressed to the Deputy Director of Intelligence from Ralph L. Clark, the Acting Assistant Director/SI, dated *July 29, 1952:*

*"In the past several weeks, a number of radar and visual sightings of unidentified aerial objects have been reported. Although this office maintained a continuing review of such reputed sightings during the past three years, a special study group has been formed to review this subject to date. O/CI will participate in this study with O/SI and report should be ready August 15, 1952."*

Copies of this memo were distributed to a "chronological" file, a "daily reading" file, and a "flying saucers" file.

### GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD THE PUBLIC

A memo written by an Edward Tauss to the Deputy Assistant Director/SI summed up the UFO situation as of August 1, 1952 somewhat pessimistically, yet noted that "caution requires that intelligence continue coverage of the subject":

*"It is recommended that CIA surveillance of subject matter in coordination with proper authorities of primary operational concern at ATIC, be continued. It is strongly urged, however, that no indication of CIA interest or concern reach the press or public in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished facts' in the hands of the U.S. Government."*

Also, in reference to a number of UFO reports originating from military bases in October and November of 1975, Captain L. McCracken of SAF/OIPC addressed a memo advising the information offices of the Secretary of the Air Force in Washington, D.C., NORAD in Colorado, the Strategic Air Command in Nebraska and the Public Affairs Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington:

*"We believe, and OASD/PA concurs, that unless there is evidence which links sightings or unless media queries link sightings, queries can best be handled individually at the source and as questions arise. Responses should be direct, forthright, and emphasize that the action taken was in response to an isolated or specific incident. IOS should keep all levels and appropriate MAJCOMS informed of questions asked, media affiliations, and responses given."*

The fear of the Robertson Panel about the subversive potential of the heated UFO subject raised back in 1953 appears to influence the course of government policy and memoranda prepared as late as the mid-1970's. The memoranda also suggest a level of interest and secrecy about the UFO subject by agencies of the U.S. Government which have traditionally demeaned the existence or value of UFOs. More disclosures of this nature may be forthcoming as the CIA/GSW lawsuit (see UFO NEWSFRONT) progresses.

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CUFOS AND IUR CHANGE QUARTERS -- The main offices of the Center for UFO Studies and the editorial offices of the INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER have changed address. We have moved into a suite of offices in downtown Evanston. The new address for both is: 1609 Sherman Avenue, Suite 207, Evanston, IL 60201.

CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY -- Under the editorship of W. Todd Zechel, a new publication has arisen which is primarily concerned with the sticky issue of "government cover-up" and investigation of UFOs. Called JUST CAUSE, it is the official newsletter of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS). Vol. 1, No. 1 details the progress of the Ground Saucer Watch, Inc. lawsuit against the C.I.A. for the release of UFO-related material and also shows the procedure for filing a suit under the Freedom of Information Act. It also tells the story of a discovery that a prominent NICAP board member was a former C.I.A. operative and how this may have affected NICAP's policy, as well as more on the "crashed saucer" allegations. For more information write: JUST CAUSE, 191 E. 161st Street, Bronx, NY 10451.

MICHIGAN FLAP? -- IUR has been apprised of the existence of a "mini-flap" in the state of Michigan, centered just west of Detroit. Local investigator Dr. Harry Wilnus states that it may include a considerable number of cases, the witnesses of which are only slowly coming forward. However, IUR has interviewed all of the witnesses to which we have had access and found that the flap seems to consist, at least at first glance, of primarily IFOs. Witnesses are primarily reporting aircraft lights seen at night, a spectacular green meteor seen by several states, and the "rotating" signs of any of the several ad plane companies that advertise in that area. Media attention to any and all of these reports is quite high: some of it is attributable to the wide coverage given to one particular witness, Lee Roach, who lives just outside of Pinckney. IUR has interviewed Mr. Roach, who on the night of the interview alone, claimed to have witnessed five hundred separate UFO sightings. When asked for descriptions, he described nothing that could not have been attributable to airplane lights seen at night (even complete with the red and greennavigational lights placed on the appropriate wings!). Perhaps the most interesting case to come out of the flap was a sighting which occurred on February 8, at about 10:45 PM. Two park rangers reported seeing a domed disc-shape with many blue, yellow, green, orange, and white lights rotating around it and three red lights on top approach them at tree-top level. After 5-7 minutes, the objects went off straight up. IUR is looking into this interesting case. However, as for the flap in general, it begins to look as though it consists largely of IFOs and those reports which are aggravated by the extensive media attention.

PROJECT S.U.M. ANALYSIS OF UFO ACTIVITY IN CANADA -- The Canadian UFO investigation group based in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada, PROJECT S.U.M., has published its first annual report on the state of UFO activity in Canada. They have found that the UFO sighting intensity around the western tip of Lake Ontario is quite high for the year; this also corresponds to the area of greatest population density. UFO sightings occurred in their study primarily between the hours of 8 and 11 PM and 43% of the observations were five minutes or less in duration. Their studies also showed a UFO to IFO proportion of 68%, with 67% of all the sightings reported to them having multiple witnesses.

"FINAL" WORD ON THE EAST COAST BOOMS -- The Director of the Naval Research Institute has stated that a report prepared for President Carter blames the "booms" that have rattled East Coast buildings on military flights whose sonic booms then travel inland due to the unusually cold weather that the area had been experiencing. While there has been no corroboration of a connection between the blasts and UFO activity, there have been reports of light flashes seen at the same time. The first known "boom" occurred on December 2, 1977 between 9 and 10 PM when the microbarograph instruments of the Lamont-Doherty Geological Laboratory registered a strong acoustical signal. Other events occurred on December 3, 15, 20, 21, and 22, some of which were accompanied by a brilliant illumination of the sky with a white or red color. Some shocks were strong enough to break windows.

While this explanation may account for the present "explosions", it is of interest to note that the phenomenon of loud noises with no apparent natural cause is not a new one. The earliest reports IUR was able to research occurred in 1822 on the island of Meleda in the Adriatic Sea, when loud explosions (then thought to be an Ottoman artillery exercise) were heard. The sounds have since been heard in many other localities around the world; one possible explanation has been advanced that these represent exhalations of natural gas which are suddenly released and then explode.

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effort to solve the UFO mystery could be just around the corner."

## BOOK REVIEW

**UFOs: GOD'S CHARIOTS?** by Ted Peters, John Knox Press, 1977. 192 pages.

As both a student of UFOlogy and an ordained Lutheran minister, one might expect a book from Dr. Peters which would attempt to integrate the concept of flying saucers into man's spiritual over-view. There have been a plethora of such books; however, this one is different. It is intelligently thought out, argued, and written. Indeed, the author presents a rather refreshing alternative to the "nuts and bolts" hypothesis. While he believes that UFOs exist, he questions why they must be explained only in terms of either natural phenomena or men (or supermen) from space. Instead, Peters presents the hypothesis that the sightings are representative of deep-set spiritual needs and sublimated religious longings.

He also treats the establishment of a UFO "theology": "Whether we say it in public or not, many of us believe that science is good and religion is bad. Science is for modern educated people; religion is for old-fashioned superstitious people . . . I suggest that von Daniken's chariots and other UFO theologies offer us an ostensibly respectable way of talking about our deeper religious needs. Our religious feelings urge us to ponder the ultimate heights and depths of our spiritual reality. If we are compelled to translate our spiritual concerns into naturalistic or scientific terms, then we need nothing short of the infinity of stars to capture our speculations. A UFO theology can do this for us". One is led to consider that if one simply interpolated "subconscious" in the above quote for "spiritual", one could well be reading Carl Jung!

Peters contends that UFO investigative groups are fixated on two alternative questions: are UFOs worthy of scientific study and are they interplanetary vehicles? The non-materialistic viewpoint, he says, has become popular and an object of ridicule since it is all too frequently espoused by cultists and weird religionists.

So, it is a pleasure to recommend this book. It is certainly an unusual treat to read a book linking spirituality and UFOs which does not tax the patience nor insult the intelligence of the reader.

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# UNUSUAL ANIMAL REACTION IN CALIFORNIA NL CASE

*IUR has been informed of this recent Nocturnal Light case Orange, CA through the courtesy of Idabel Epperson, who prepared this account.*

All was quiet and peaceful in the Semaza household (City of Orange, Orange County, California) at 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning February 4, 1978. But that serenity was soon to be replaced by a general commotion and downright frenzy on the part of "Susie," the family pet—a gentle little dog that had given birth to her first litter of puppies two days earlier.

Sometime between 3:30 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. a weird humming sound awakened Mrs. Claire Semaza, her 14-year old daughter, Donna, and 11-year old son, Eric. A neighbor, Mrs. Dorothy Pascal, was also awakened by the humming sound which continued to increase in volume until Mrs. Semaza said it hurt her ears. Susie's whimpering developed into frantic howls and barks which ceased periodically for a few seconds while she stared at the wall with an expression that baffled the members of the family. Susie continued this behavior for 30 minutes.

In the meantime Mrs. Semaza and her son and daughter were curious as to what was causing the loud humming sound—which Mrs. Semaza described as sounding as if a "mob of people were humming." Donna thought about recording the weird sound but couldn't find the tape recorder in all the excitement. It was probably just as well; Susie's

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wailing would, no doubt, have drowned it out.

When they looked out the window facing south and east they saw an oval or cigar shaped object. It seemed to be not far above the trees and not more than a half mile away. (She thought it could have been two blocks.) In one area the sky above glowed with a pinkish color and a little distance away, above it to the left, it was a hot, clear red color. Below and around the object was a layer of haze or "smoke," gray in color. It seemed to be hovering but soon started rising very slowly leaving the smoke layer behind. The oval shaped object had a bright red light at each end which sent shafts of light toward the ground. There were several bluish white lights strung horizontally between the two red lights. The object rose higher, flashed a brilliant white light on and off for approximately three seconds then quickly disappeared.

Details have not been gone into here about the three witnesses; they were excellent witnesses—they studied the mysterious object—remembered what they saw, and reported everything carefully and fully.

Susie made her anguish known clear and loud. It seems apparent that when Susie realized that her humans were not going to solve her problem that she had better do it herself. There she was with seven puppies to protect, and she must have felt that extreme danger threatened. The cozy box that she and the puppies occupied was on the ground floor. She carried a puppy upstairs and tried to hide it in a couple of places—the last place she tried was under the bed—but that didn't satisfy her. She took the puppy out from under the bed and hid it behind the drapes. This was the right place she thought, so she carried the rest of her puppies one by one upstairs and hid them all behind the drapes.

Can anyone top this for animal reaction to UFOs?

Recently Bob Kirkpatrick called on Mr. and Mrs. Semaza for the purpose of taking photographs of Susie and her puppies. Susie was *very friendly* and seemed even pleased and proud for the attention her puppies were getting. Bob told me, "*Susie* has *personality!*"

## AN AIR-VISUAL SIGHTING OF A DAYLIGHT DISC IN CALIFORNIA

*Information on an older sighting of a Daylight Disc seen in California has been brought to IUR's attention by UFO investigator Idabel Epperson. The following is a verbatim excerpt of a cassette transcription of the report made by the witness himself:*

This is a transcription of a recording of an in-flight incident encountered by Floyd P. Hallstrom on January 1, 1978 while in flight Oxnard, California to Browns Field, San Diego via LAX airport, Los Angeles. Jim Victor, in a Mustang II 4954 and Hallstrom in a Cessna 170A side numbers 3861. Victor is leaving Oxnard for the purpose of going to San Diego to deliver the Mustang II which Jim Victor had sold to a customer. I was flying to Browns Field for the purpose of returning Jim Victor with the Cessna 170 as transportation.

We left Oxnard at approximately 12:35 in the afternoon and I flew direct to LAX by flying almost a direct line from Oxnard. Jim Victor took the route by way of Mugu and down the coastline over Pepperdine. We contacted each other several times during this flight with the purpose of keeping each other informed as to our position with the thought in mind that we would fly together to San Diego. As it was Jim had a faster aircraft and even though he did take off after me he arrived in the LA area prior to my arriving there.

I was over the business district of Santa Monica and approximately, I'd say, two to three miles from the Santa Monica airport which was slightly to my left ahead which I could see very clear plus Hughes and LAX in the distance. I had estimated approximately five to six miles. At this time I spotted a spot coming out of a haze which there was a haze layer—smog haze layer over LAX and inland around Highland Park area—with the tops of about 6500 feet. Santa Monica was crystal clear, blue skies, no obstructions whatsoever—absolutely clear. I could observe traffic and buildings on the ground extremely clear. At this time I was looking straight ahead when I spotted a spot on the edge of the haze area above LAX slightly to the east side approximately along about where the tower would be. It seemed to get larger and coming toward me so I naturally realized that it wasn't Jim in the Mustang II. So having no other traffic in my immediate area I watched this traffic because I knew it would be somewhere near by altitude, coming my direction. Being in the TCA I, of course, was aware of heavy traffic conditions and possible hazards. So I watched this object as it got larger and coming toward me to a point that I was—I observed that it was going to be to my left and below me. At this time I was observing it now as an aircraft of some type but I couldn't identify what type of aircraft it was; so I kept watching. It appeared to me to be traveling at a very rapid rate but it being forward of me at this time it was hard to judge speed. As it was, as it approached me closer to a point I was starting to identify it as an aircraft of some type, I started looking to see what it was but I could see no wings on this aircraft although at this time I could see windows which appeared to be passenger windows in the aircraft. As it drew nearer though, I was able to determine that there was no wings or horizontal empennage, horizontal stabilizer, vertical fins or empennage assembly to the aircraft as a conventional aircraft so immediately, without thinking anything else, (being a helicopter pilot) I immediately drew the conclusion that it was a helicopter of a passenger type, possibly one coming out of LAX carrying passengers for the local terminals.

I started looking for the rotors and to see—and tail rotor section—to determine what type it was because, to me, it would be a conversation piece because I was so impressed with the speed. As it drew nearer I couldn't see the rotors at all and yet I was still studying it to try to determine what type of helicopter it was approaching me. When it reached the position at approximately 70° to the aircraft nose looking forward and to my left otherwise, and I was looking down now between, I'll say 30 to 45° angle at this, I observed it to be at about 6000 feet and off to my left at approximately one half to three quarters of a mile and travelling at a great rate of speed. As it drew behind the 70° angle I was able to make out the complete form of a saucer shape or round object. I wasn't at all panicked; in fact, I was intrigued.

When it came to approximately the 90° angle, I was able to pick up the full circumference of the saucer as a complete circle and could see the dome, also very vividly clear, including all the windows which were, of course, the things I saw in the dis-

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tance first. Being dark they naturally stood out stronger than the rest of the fuselage. As it passed my strut on the left side and went past the 90° to where I was looking directly, almost directly, down at it now because the strut is slightly forward, I was able to get an excellent view of this and observed it to be of a very bright metal. The windows were—it seemed to be approximately four to five to a 90° angle of the dome which would then come out to between, I'd say, 16 to 20 windows in the complete circumference of the dome. These were located just slightly above the base which was an absolute complete half sphere, (not a shallow dome but what looked like a perfect half sphere) highly finished and the windows to me appeared to be approximately 24 inches in length and about 18 inches in height, judging again, as to the size of the windows in small aircraft such as the Cessnas from the side view. They were equally spaced and appeared to be more of an oval rather than a round window in shape. No obstructions or objects on the outside. No antennas or protrusions of any type visible. The windows appear as dark rather as you would observe any aircraft in flight from an angle. I see no objects inside.

The aircraft or vehicle does not move from its course; it's holding a steady course on a heading of approximately 310°. The aircraft was in view for a period of approximately one minute approaching me for half that period of time and disappearing on a straight line over the Hollywood Hills on a, I would say, a track that probably would take it right over Burbank and Van Nuys airports in general. It held its speed and course; the speed appeared to be approximately 650 miles an hour. Six hundred is—I calculated or estimated in my notes at the time at 600. At the time that I am looking back and holding my position I was able to see the flying saucer extremely clear and very defined in the clear air until I was no longer able to see it as it went over the approximately Beverly Hills and the Hollywood Hills going into the San Fernando Valley area when the trailing edge of the Cessna 170, seated where I am, blocked my view and, of course, I lost complete contact at this time, would be unable to make my turn to observe because it would take, at a 60° turn, approximately ½ a minute for me to make a 180° turn to observe. At this time it would be far too late. At this time, of course, I hadn't even thought of making my turn. I was more intent on studying the object.

## MORE INFORMATION ON UFOs AND THE GOVERNMENT: c/o THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT!

UFOlogists who are concerned with the extent of government involvement in the UFO investigation scheme have an invaluable tool in the Freedom of Information Act. Providing that one has a *definite* request to make about a *definite* case or document, the results seem to be almost magical! Unfortunately simply asking for "all the information on UFOs and the CIA (or government or Air Force) has" does not work.

IUR had received the following letter of interest from UFO investigator Barry J. Greenwood:

*Dear Sirs:*

*A recent IUR article details information on a sighting in Iran and the U.S. government's involvement. You ask whether "all UFO reports from everywhere" are relayed to the government agencies listed in the teletype.*

*Recently, I have used the Freedom of Information Act to try to obtain data on a series of rumored UFO sightings in late 1975 near military bases. These sightings were:*

*Oct. 27, 28, 31, 1975—Loring AFB, Maine*

*Oct. 30, 1975—Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan*

*Nov. 7, 1975—Minuteman base, Lewiston, Montana*

*Nov. 8, 1975—Malmstrom AFB, Montana*

*Nov. 10, 1975—Minot AFB Station, North Dakota*

*I was informed by Mr. Charles Hinkle, Director Freedom of Information and Security Review for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense" that* "The OCJS identified 24 documents which are responsive to your request. Nine of these documents were released and enclosed for your use. I have been advised by the O.J.C.S. that the remaining 15 documents require continued protection under Section 552 (b) (5) of Title 5, U.S.C."

*I plan to inquire about other rumored sighting reports from 1970 to date since this period is not covered by government investigation and Blue Book can not be used as an excuse to deny sending data.*

*It seems apparent that UFO data continues to be withheld by the U.S. government. Either it is withheld outright or you must know documentation exists to request it. In this way an unknown UFO report will not be released unless it leaks out.*

*I hope that this information is of some use to you.*

The following is a sample of the type of UFO reports revealed:

**THE WURTSMITH, MICHIGAN "MYSTERY HELICOPTER"—**

A National Military Command Center Memorandum for the Record gives the following information on this case: An unidentified low flying aircraft came up over the back gate of Wurtsmith and was visually sighted in the vicinity of the motor pool. RAPCON showed several aircraft at the time, one near the WSA (there was no hovering as previously reported). A tanker was dispatched and had visual and skin paint out over Lake Huron of a low flying aircraft (*with lights on*) heading SE at approximately 150 knots. Tanker reports that the aircraft appeared to be joined by another aircraft (with its lights on also). Tanker reports that both aircraft then turned out their lights simultaneously, as if on base. Upon information that the Dept of Natural Resources sends out aircraft searching for hunters spotting dear [*sic*], the Dept of Natural Resources was contacted; however, they maintain none of their aircraft were in the area at the time.

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## ARE UFO ABDUCTION CASES ACCURATELY RECALLED UNDER HYPNOSIS?

Most people have quite a number of preconceived notions about hypnosis, one of which is that the subject cannot lie while under its influence; another is that the subject has perfect recall. Briefly, hypnosis is simply a state of heightened suggestibility, an address to the subconscious mind.

Hypnosis has been used quite successfully to retrieve details that have been blocked from the conscious memory. One good example of this is the use of police hypnosis in a kidnapping case that occurred in 1977 in Chowchilla, California in which a busload of children were taken captive by several men who arrived on the scene in a white van. Police were able to determine the license plate of that vehicle (minus one digit) by hypnotizing the school bus driver who had no conscious memory of what it read.

The first *well-known* UFO experience that was retrieved by hypnosis was, of course, the 1961 abduction of Betty and Barney Hill. The Hills had no memory of their abduction aboard a UFO "craft", their subsequent medical examinations and their release. For a more recent example of a UFO-related regression hypnosis, see the "Joe and Carol" case in IUR's October, 1977 issue. Indeed, it is now known that over one hundred abduction-type cases have been reported, many of which required hypnosis to bring out the existence and details of the experience.

Are these details brought out under hypnosis accurate? Recently, UFO investigators Dr. Alvin Lawson, John DeHerrera, and Dr. William McCall have initiated an experiment designed to test this accuracy. They solicited the aid of volunteers who had been carefully selected for their "ignorance" about and disinterest in the UFO phenomenon; no one who had actually had a sighting was used. Each of these volunteers was then placed under hypnosis and the suggestion was made that the subject had undergone a structured UFO abduction. He was then quizzed as to the *details* of the experience. The investigators had expected to have to *lead* their subjects every step of the way, only to obtain colorless, non-imaginative accounts. As it turned out, they were astonished at the rich detail provided. In fact, a direct comparison of the details provided by these "imaginary abductees" bears a striking similarity to those given by "real abductees". This would suggest that the details of "real abductees" are perhaps subject to the vagaries of the imagination of the subject. Of course, this study has its critics: they point out that the volunteers were "led" in their questioning and that "real" abductees are often subject to very strong emotions. However, while both these statements are true, it must be remembered that the McCall group was interested solely in the *details* of the imaginary cases, which they have shown to be similar to "real" accounts. Also, emotional reactions toward vivid *nightmares* are strong... but do they underwrite real events?

Could the subjects of "real" abductions be "lying" about their experiences or simply passing on the results of a vivid fantasy? Dr. McCall states that four out of ten of his volunteer "imaginary abductees" were unable to determine whether or not their suggested experiences were real. Most hypnotists are in agreement that it is possible to lie under hypnosis; however, it *would* be more *difficult* to reproduce the intense emotional states and internally consistent details of some of the "real" abductees.

Where are we then? Hypnosis is not a well-understood phenomenon and at this point, it can not be stated definitively whether or not the accounts provided by UFO witnesses under hypnosis are entirely accurate. Certainly, hypnosis is a useful tool but one whose limitations and capabilities have not yet been calibrated.

## ARE THERE REALLY MYSTERIOUS "MEN IN BLACK (MIB)"?

The men in black (MIB) phenomenon is one of the most baffling and elusive in ufology. For years most serious UFO investigators even denied that such things were happening at all, but continuing reports of these kinds of events (which go back at least to 1905) force us, however reluctantly, to give MIB stories a certain measure of credibility.

One of the best-attested cases occurred early in September 1965 after two Damon, Texas, police officers experienced a CEI. Soon after, before the sighting had become public knowledge, two mysterious strangers approached one of the witnesses and warned him not to discuss the incident further. Another MIB episode occurred in Minot, North Dakota, in the wake of an alleged shooting of a UFO occupant (see *The Edge of Reality*). Again the incident had not been publicized, but again the enigmatic individuals who threatened the witness possessed intimate knowledge of the encounter.

*THIS MAGAZINE IS FANTASTIC—IT'S GOT PHOTOS OF UFOS AND PEOPLE WE HAVEN'T SILENCED YET!*

**Cartoon by Gene Duplantier, of (you guessed it) UFO UPDATE.**

MIB, often said to be vaguely Oriental in appearance, are typically described as having "inside" information on UFO activities; such information presumably is not available through "normal" channels. Sometimes MIB (so called because of the usual taste in clothing) pose as military officers—which led the Pentagon late in the 1960s to issue a statement to military personnel asking them to forward any information they had on people pretending to represent the Air Force and threatening UFO witnesses.

It is likely that some supposed MIB episodes are nothing more than hoaxes or paranoical delusions. Some alleged MIB probably are or were government gumshoes (this seems increasingly likely in the light of recent revelations about CIA involvement in UFO investigation). The core MIB phenomenon, however, appears to be something else, something connected directly with the UFO phenomenon itself.

It is extremely difficult to investigate such reports because of the fear and embarrassment MIB visitations engender. The very high strangeness —not to mention the apparent

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absurdity—of such phenomena causes percipients to be unusually reluctant to speak out. Consequently little serious work has been done on this subject and much sensationalistic claptrap has resulted, severely confusing the issue.

A number of representative cases, plus an interesting discussion of their possible meaning, can be found in John A. Keel's *The Mothman Prophecies*.

*Jerome Clark*

## ARE UFOs AND "ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS" RELATED?

The phenomenon of Erich von Daniken and his "ancient astronauts" is truly one of the wonders of our time. The immense success of his theory that "humanity" and technology was brought to man in ancient times by "gods" who rode in flying saucers and created most of the archaeological wonders which now puzzle us is almost beyond belief. CHARIOTS OF THE GODS, his first book, regardless of its intrinsic merit has truly made an impact on the popular mind.

By using the evidence of various archaeological sites (e.g. the Pyramids, the plains of Nazca, the tomb at Palenque), von Daniken argues that primitive man could not possibly have created these artifacts: he assumes that because primitive man's technology was simple, so was his intelligence. His major form of argument consists of this sort of reasoning: Archaeological wonder exists. Van Daniken himself can not think of a way to create it. Hence, NO ONE is capable of creating it. Therefore, someone smarter must have shown the way.

Von Daniken, alas, is painfully inaccurate in both his research and his writings: astronomer Carl Sagan once stated that von Daniken's books were distinguished by having "the greatest density of logical errors per page of any book ever written". The ancient astronaut "theory" overlooks several centuries of valid archaeological research which is perfectly capable of explaining *exactly* how the pyramids were built (since inscriptions show us the methods and even several "trial" pyramids that almost worked have been found), among other things.

**1969 NASA Astronaut vs very old Tassili figure from North Africa—related or merely power of suggestion?**

Perhaps his worst fault is his temporal provincialism. A good example of this is his interpretation of the miles-long lines and patterns on the plains of Nazca. Von Daniken implies that these were actually landing strips of an ancient airfield meant to service the flying saucers which carried our ancient mentors. To 20th century man, these lines do indeed look like an airfield. But what would they have looked like to a 19th century man . . . or 25th century man? As it so happens, research has shown that the Nazca lines are astronomically oriented and could quite easily have been constructed with even a simple technology. His claims of seeing "space-suited figures" and "spaceships" in Mayan, Saharan, and other culture's art are once again an example of modern man interpreting ancient art in terms of his own cultural and technological context.

One of van Daniken's claims is that outer space visitors interbred with primitive women, producing children that were higher on the evolutionary scale and eventually became modern men. This is yet another example of his misunderstanding of the rudiments of what is already known: such a match would be genetically impossible.

Refuting all of von Daniken's claims is better left for longer treatises. There are simply too many to treat! However, it is sad that such claims are given the widespread distribution that they are. The connection between UFOs and "ancient astronauts", hence, is unproven. For an extended discourse on the inaccuracies of von Daniken's books, see Ron Story's THE SPACE-GODS REVEALED. Also, one of the best short treatments appears in the August, 1974 PLAYBOY interview with him.

"Ancient astronauts"? Unproven... due to inaccurate information and logical inconsistencies.

## IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE "BERMUDA TRIANGLE AND UFOs?

Ever since Charles Berlitz's book, the amount of speculation devoted to strange happenings in the so-called Bermuda Triangle has been prodigious. Books, articles, party games, television movies, and even cruise-ships full of "psychics" have ridden on the crest of this interest. Almost from the start, UFOs have been linked to this "mystery". Theories for this area have ranged from it being a "saucer base", to a bridge between dimensions, to an area of greatly heightened UFO activity. Rumors have persisted that UFOs are seen hovering above or diving beneath the water in the "Devil's Triangle" and have been accused of abducting countless planes and ships.

What is the truth behind all of this? Despite claims to the contrary, the entire concept of the Bermuda Triangle can be traced to an article by Vincent Gaddis in a 1964 issue of ARGOSY Magazine. Since that time, past and present ship and plane dis-

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again, she began slowly walking towards the Public Works Garage. A police car drove north on Grand Avenue, a nearby street, and the boys thought they saw her "disappear" and then re-appear when it was gone. As the woman's figure neared the building, the boys became very startled to note that parts of her body were disappearing gradually, beginning with her legs. By the time she reached the garage, she was only visible from the waist up. They lost sight of her when she literally walked into the side of the building (there is no door there) and disappeared.

Greatly frightened, the boys did not stay to see what else might happen but ran home to the C_____'s home. As they neared John's house, his brother Hilton who was vacuuming his room on the second floor looked out the window and watched them. He was startled to see that at a 45-degree angle over their heads was an oval object several times the size of the full moon with four yellow lights around the edge and a red light in the middle. He could not say if the object was moving.

Running downstairs, Hilton met the boys and they all noted that at that exact moment (6:22 PM) a fire siren began blowing. They thought that this might be connected in some way with their UFO sighting and hence, called the firestation nearby. They were told that "they were the fifth ones to call". The boys misinterpreted this statement as it was later learned that the previous calls had been about a fire. They had thought this was independent corroboration of their UFO sighting. The police department was also called and the UFO sighting reported; a squad car was dispatched to the schoolyard but nothing unusual was found. When Mrs. C_____ returned home, she found all the boys greatly excited and even had to escort the H_____ boys to their home since they would not go out alone.

It is also of interest that the same boys reported sighting UFOs (of roughly the same description) on several subsequent evenings; while these reports have not yet been checked out in detail, it is possible that they were now simply "oversensitized" and are "looking for" unusual objects.

**FOLLOW-UP**

When IUR learned of the sighting, inquiries were made to the New York Air Route Traffic Control Center and the Newark Airport, hoping for radar confirmation. For what it is worth, none was obtained. Mrs. C_____ also called the Newark Airport shortly after she returned home and received no corroboration.

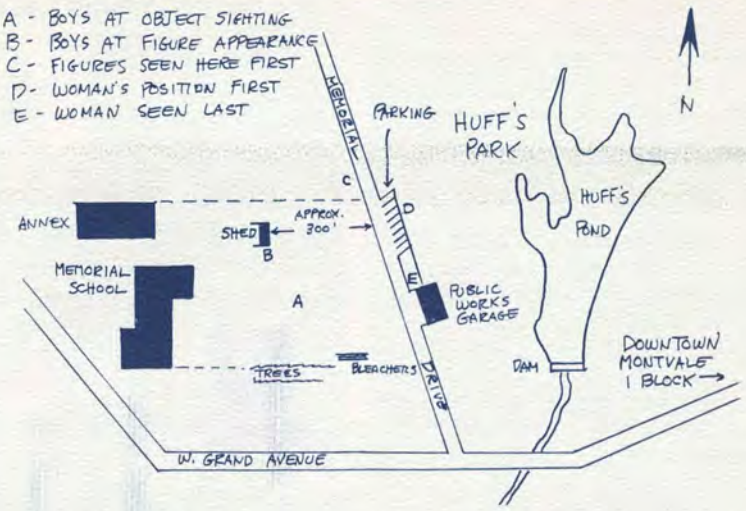


**Diagram of the general area of the Montvale sighting. Note: the witnesses' home has been removed from the drawing in the interest of preserving anonymity.**

What is to be done with a sighting report like this? In the first place, IUR reiterates that other than the woman pointing at the sky where there was an unidentified object, there is no explicit connection between the figures and any UFO.

However, much more important than this is the highly limiting factor of the youth of the witnesses: can one really record at face value the testimony of eight- and ten-year old children who also reported "weird people living in the neighborhood", blood on the door, and unusual purple cloud effects? The "UFOs" seen could conceivably be aircraft on approach from the Newark or New York airports since their behavior or appearance does not severely violate a description of a commercial jet seen in the dark. The figures themselves *could* be ordinary men seen under distant and poorly lighted conditions; men in winter dress would not violate the descriptions provided by the boys, who saw them after being startled by the passage of the "UFO" overhead. Ted Bloecher did check with the Public Works department to see if they could possibly be a group of Public Works crew members returning to the garage after a shift but was able to determine that all the crews had gone off duty several hours beforehand.

The unusual "vanishing" of the woman's figure seen remains the most puzzling aspect of the case. However, one must remember that despite the assurances of their mother and a police officer who knew the children, is it really inconceivable that the children (now thoroughly frightened) did not misperceive or even imagine the unusual aspects of a poorly seen figure in the distance? What small child is not prey to telling stories of this kind or at least to exaggeration of semi-ordinary incidents?

The lack of an explicit connection between the figures, however strange, and a UFO is also limiting from the point of view of UFOlogy. The story is interesting but, alas, the amount of value from a case of this kind (given the youth of the witnesses) is doubtful.

## Erratum

The year (1957) on page 5, column 1, line 11, of the last issue should read (1947).

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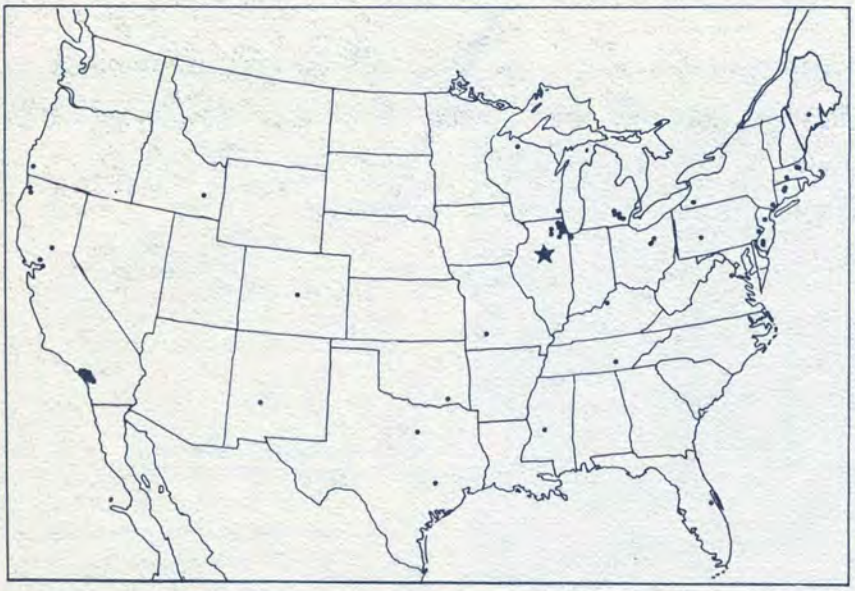

● —*IFO* ★ —*UFO*

**IFOs**

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| Aircraft | 22 |
| Ad planes | 10 |
| Stars & Planets | 8 |
| Meteors | 7 |
| Helicopters | 7 |
| Balloon | 2 |
| Moon | 2 |
| Kite | 1 |
| Flare | 1 |
| Reflection | 1 |
| Satellite | 1 |

**EXCLUSIONS**

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| Non-UFO | 3 |
| Unreliable witness | 1 |

**UFOs**

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| Total Number of Reports | 67 |
| Average per Day | 2.3 |
| Peak Activity (5 cases) | 2/1, 2/4 |

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| Total Number of UFOs | 1 |
| Total Number of IFOs | 62 |

**UFOs:** 1.6% **IFOs:** 98.4%

The lone UFO was 3-3-62. Verifications and complete details on this case are on file and available on request from our readers.

It has been a bad month for unknowns, but an interesting one for IFOs. At least there was a "landing", if not on the White House lawn, at least at the Pentagon! One IFO witness reported seeing an object with red, white and green lights hover over and slowly land at the Pentagon. All of this occurred while he was standing with a crowd of other people at the Pentagon bus stop. Have UFOs landed at the Pentagon? Is the government keeping this from us? Unfortunately not . . . the witness himself determined by reading the papers later on that evening that it was the President himself . . . arriving in a helicopter.

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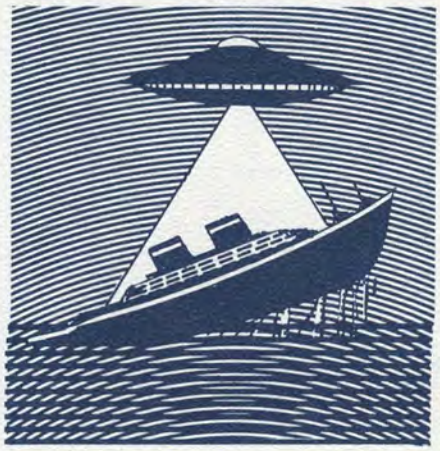
appearances have been ascribed to its baleful influence. It is a fact that approximately four boats and two planes a month "disappear" in the area; but whether this is under mysterious circumstances is debatable. Many of the provocative incidents reported in the Bermuda Triangle have been misrepresented in the various books written on the subject. Crucial facts about severe weather and sea conditions have been omitted and distorted (see Lawrence Kusche's THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE MYSTERY—SOLVED). However, it is a matter of official record that *fewer* planes are lost and not recovered in the Bermuda Triangle area than are lost and never recovered over the continental United States.

UFOs have been particularly linked to the disappearance of a flight of 5 U.S. Navy Avengers, which left a Florida airport on December 5, 1945. These Navy planes of "Flight 19" were on a training mission; when they were unable to find their way back to the Fort Lauderdale Naval Air station, it was said that their last radio contacts stated that the "ocean and sky looked unfamiliar", "everything looks wrong", and "'don't follow us; they look like they're from outer space!" However, two officers



in the tower at the time who monitored all incoming conversations from Flight 19 (Don Poole and Walt Winchell) stated that NO such statements were made. Instead, the conversations (and indeed radio fixes from stations further north on the coast) revealed that in the uncertain weather conditions, the flight instructor in charge simply lost his bearings. The twenty-seven crewmen were lost at sea when they ran out of gas and the planes were ditched in the ocean. Thus, if there is no Triangle mystery, there is nothing to which to *link* UFOs. Nor are the omnipresent UFO reports emphasized in this particular area.

It's painful to see UFO skeptics throw UFO reports into the same hopper with the Bermuda Triangle, on the basis that many "UFO" reports are *also* demonstrably non-mysterious (IFOs). The fundamental difference between the two "phenomena" is that credible, sincere witnesses all over the world are reporting what *they* think are UFOs (whether they are or not) *to* the UFO groups. The Bermuda Triangle stories, however, are NOT relayed by the pilots or sailors who experience them0 they are the fraudulent literary distortions of a small handful of authors. *All* Triangle mysteries so far have been easily explainable once the actual records have been examined. Would that the more baffling UFOs (which are *themselves* the mysteries) were so easily resolved.